(viii) Schemes of the National Horticulture Board;

(ix) Assistance to Oil Plam India Ltd.

(d) An outlay of Rs. 33 crores has been provided for various Central Sector Centrally Sponsored schemes for the development of horticulture during Seventh Five Year Plan period.

Attack on AIR, Bangalore

1015. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some miscreants attack the All India Radio, Station, Bangalore and took over the broadcasting for a few minutes; if so, the details of the incident and whether Government feel that the AIR station was seized;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the employees of AIR were involved in this incident, if so, what action has been taken against them and whether proper screening of personnel is likely to be undetaken by Government; and

(c) the number of incidents of attacks on Doordarshan and AIR Stations that have taken place in the last one year and whether Government are concerned about the increasing trend of violent attacks on Government-owned media?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) On the morning of October 2, '88 about a dozen miscreants claiming to be members of the Kannada Ranadhira Pade (Kannada Warriors) forced their entry into the Studios of All India Radio, Bangalore. The miscreants who were armed with knives, toy pistols etc. assaulted staff on duty and thus succeeded in interrupting the transmission and in reading out a statement brought by them. The statement drew attention of the Kannadigas to the alleged domination of the Kannadigas by outsiders. On hearing objectionable material going on the air as well as some disorder in the transmission, the staff at the Transmitter immediately contacted the police. 13 persons were apprehended by the police and booked under Section 143, 147, 149, 448, 353; 393; 343; 506 of IPC and in addition Section 2(8) (A) of Official Secret Act. All of them were released on bail on 3.10.88 with the instruction that they will be required to produce themselves as and when required and during bail will not indulge in such activities.

(b) A Transmission Executive of All India Radio, Bangalore, who was among those apprehended, has been placed under suspension and has since been chargesheeted.

(c) The number of incidents of attack on Doordarshan and All India Radio Stations since October 87 is given in the statement annexed. (*See below*). The Government will view seriously any attack on Government media installations.

Statement

Incidents of Attacks on Doordarshan/AIR Stations

AIR Stations	Date of Incident
1. Bhopal	7.11.88
2. Bangalore	2.10.88
3. Srinagar	28.10.88
Doordarshan Kendras	
1. Bangalore	31.01.88
2. Srinagar	26.10.88
3. Hyderabad	4.02.88
4. Trivandrum	18.07.88
5. Calcutta	14.03.88 15.09.88
6. Delhi	29.01.88
7. LPTV Darjeeling	25.05.88
8. BPTV Kodaikanal	10.04.88